

California Integrated Waste Management Board

Board Meeting

February 15-16, 2005

AGENDA ITEM 16

ITEM

Consideration Of The Amended Nondisposal Facility Element For The Unincorporated Area Of Los Angeles County

I. ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT

The unincorporated area of Los Angeles County (County) has amended its NDFE by identifying and describing the Athens Services Transfer Station and Materials Recovery Facility, an existing facility. This is the second amendment to the County's originally approved NDFE.

II. ITEM HISTORY

The Board previously approved the County's NDFE on September 21, 1994. The first amendment to the County's NDFE was approved on November 19, 2002.

III. OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board may:

1. Approve the County's amended NDFE.
2. Disapprove the County's amended NDFE.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Board staff recommends the Board adopt option 1: approve the County's amended NDFE.

V. ANALYSIS

A. Key Issues and Findings

1. Background

The County has amended its NDFE by adding a nondisposal facility, as noted below.

Facility type/location: The County has amended its NDFE to identify and describe the Athens Services Transfer Station and Materials Recovery Facility (facility) (SWIS # 19-AA-0863 – Athens Services) located at 14048 East Valley Boulevard, City of Industry, CA. A portion of the facility is also located within the County Unincorporated area. The facility is a large volume transfer and material recovery facility which accepts mixed waste from Los Angeles County.

Facility capacity: The facility is permitted to receive up to 1,920 tons of solid waste per day.

Current diversion rate: Approximately 19 percent of the total incoming waste and at least 25 percent of the materials are processed through the materials recovery facility.

Participating jurisdictions: The facility serves the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, El Monte, Glendora, City of Industry, La Puente, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, other cities in the general vicinity, and unincorporated County areas.

2. Findings

The County has adequately addressed all requirements for amending a NDFE by submitting the information noted below:

Los Angeles County	yes	no
Local Task Force comments	X	
3-day public notice	X	
Resolution adopting amendment	X	
Amendment includes required information for facility type	X	

B. Environmental Issues

Staff is not aware of any environmental issues related to the amended NDFE. Specific environmental issues would be addressed during the permitting process of the facilities, and thus would be discussed in any associated items presented to the Board from the Permits Division.

C. Program/Long Term Impacts

Staff does not anticipate any program or long term impacts as a result of this item.

D. Stakeholder Impacts

Approving the County's amended NDFE will facilitate any future conformance findings made by the Board as part of the permitting process, as the facilities will then be identified in the NDFE, as required.

E. Fiscal Impacts

No fiscal impact to the Board results from this item.

F. Legal Issues

This item represents the process for implementing PRC Section 41800 that describes the Board's approval process of a jurisdiction's planning elements, including the NDFE.

G. Environmental Justice

2000 Census Data – Demographics for the County (unincorporated area)						
% White	% Hispanic	% Black	% Native American	% Asian	% Pacific Islander	% Other
31.1	44.6	9.5	0.3	11.9	0.3	2.3

2000 Census Data – Economic Data for the County (unincorporated area)		
Median annual income*	Mean (average) income*	% individuals below poverty level
42,189	61,373	17.9

* Per household

- **Environmental Justice Issues.** According to the county representative, there are no environmental justice issues in this community related to this item.
- **Efforts at Environmental Justice Outreach.** The County of Los Angeles will continue to meet or exceed relevant State law requirements (e.g. the California Environmental Quality Act), regulations and guidelines when providing outreach to the community.
- **Project Benefits.** Updating the County's NDFE to include descriptions of new or modified nondisposal facilities will allow County residents, and the County, to have a more complete picture of the nondisposal facilities the County will be using to achieve and maintain its diversion requirements.

H. 2001 Strategic Plan

This item supports Strategic Plan goal 2, objective 3 (Support local jurisdictions' ability to reach and maintain California's waste diversion mandates), strategy (D) (Assess and assist local governments' efforts to implement programs and reduce disposal, taking corrective action as needed) by approving the County's locally adopted amended NDFE.

VI. FUNDING INFORMATION

This item does not require any Board fiscal action.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Number 2005-40

VIII. STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM PREPARATION

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IX. WRITTEN SUPPORT AND/OR OPPOSITION

A. Support

County of Los Angeles

B. Opposition

Staff had not received any written opposition at the time this item was submitted for publication.

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Resolution 2005-40

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WHEREAS, Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 40900 et seq., describe the requirements to be met by Cities and Counties when developing and implementing integrated waste management plans; and

WHEREAS, PRC Sections 41730 et seq. require that each City and County prepare and adopt a Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) which includes a description of existing and new solid waste facilities, and the expansion of existing solid waste facilities, which will be needed to implement a jurisdiction's Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE), to enable it to meet the requirements of PRC Section 41780; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County (County) has amended its Board-approved NDFE to reflect the addition of the described facility and has submitted the amended NDFE to the Board; and

WHEREAS, based on review of the amended NDFE, Board staff found that all of the foregoing requirements have been satisfied and that the amended NDFE substantially complies with PRC Sections 41730, et seq., and recommends approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the amended Nondisposal Facility Element for the County of Los Angeles.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Executive Director, or his designee, of the California Integrated Waste Management Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Integrated Waste Management Board held on February 15-16, 2005.

Dated:

Mark Leary
Executive Director